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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1.

Amusements.
NATIONAL—“Alone in London.”
ALHAMBRA—“The Little Troupe.”
KINGMAN—“The Sidonian Burlesque Troupe.”
THEATRE—“The Little Troupe.”
DIME—“The Little Troupe.”
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Home rule is not unlikely to be conceded to Ireland before the end of '87.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all—to those who deserve it and to those who don't.

The Mugs are going to take things easy in '87 preparatory to tremendous wumping in '88.

FREE TRADE, or “harsh for revenue only,” is the only theory that calls for a duty on sugar.

It is impossible to be a thoroughly consistent protectionist and an advocate of impost on sugar and molasses.

The convict camps of the state of Georgia are a disgrace to that commonwealth and to the civilization of the age.

The convict system of a number of southern states is a revised edition of slavery with all improvements carefully edited out.

The strong desire of the maritime provinces to secede from the dominion of Canada will be intensified by the conservative defeat in Ontario.

It is a suggestive fact that 100,000 tons of southern pig iron were sent north in 1886 as against 100,000 tons in 1885 and 600,000 tons in 1884.

The New York Evening Post favors the repeal of the tobacco tax because “it is an unimportant assessment upon the humbler classes—upon those least able to bear the burden.”

We intended to say yesterday that Mr. Benedict was not a blundering politician, although somewhat addicted to the art of persiflage. A slipper pencil mangled this paragraph.

Young men who get tipsy while calling on their lady friends to-day should be quietly handed over to the kind care of the police, if their friends do not promptly take care of them.

Neither the Carrollton machine, the theft of the shooting district, nor the “election” of Col. Elliott in the seventh South Carolina district has any place in Grady's New South.

The friends of Senator Dawes have ample justification for the claim that no man who has served Massachusetts at Washington in the past twenty-five years has been more persistently faithful than he.

A LECTURE on “The New South” by Col. Elliott, the person who holds the credentials for a seat in Congress from Robert Smalls, would be welcomed by large audiences in northern cities.

We do not think there is good ground for the fear expressed by a New York contemporary that Lord Randolph Churchill will reappear in public life on the liberal side. He is not the stuff that liberals are made of.

It is not really necessary to the maintenance of the fame of Longfellow, Whitier, Holmes, Lowell or any of the bards of the Bay state that Bryant should be murdered by misquotation in the Boston papers.

EX-SENATOR McDONALD declares that Congress should repeal the civil service law at the earliest opportunity.

It is doubtful, however, if enough of that statute is left intact to contribute a basis for a repealing act.

Sir JOHN MACDONALD, premier of Canada, must regard the liberal victory in the province of Ontario as a defeat for his administration. It may have an important influence on the conduct of the dominion government in relation to the fisheries question.

It is vain to protest against the custom of furnishing stimulants with refreshments for callers on New Year's day. Every household claims the right to regulate its own internal affairs. But no man is compelled to drink, if he chooses, and he who makes a fool of himself at such a time has no excuse.

We copy the following from the Charleston News and Courier for the information of our readers, and not for the purpose of discussing a question that was settled at Appomattox in 1865:

The south fought for the right—for the undying principle of self-government which was asserted in the constitution it signed to France, which it asserted in the same terms in the constitution under which we live to-day, and which was as “eternally right” in 1865 as it is in 1876.

This is how “reform” works when it is let loose with plenty of room in which to show its pace. We quote the Boston Journal:

A Union veteran clerk in the Treasury Department recently remarked to an ex-confederate clerk that he hoped never to see the day when the Union and the confederate would be placed on an equality. The Union veteran is no longer a clerk, being removed for “talking politics.”

The “Union veteran clerk” should have remembered that the other side got on top in the last presidential election.

young ladies when the cars are crowded. It is estimated that not less than half the black-headed male population of the City of Brotherly Love spend at least ten hours a day in the street cars.

The Old Year and the New.

The wild bells have rung out to the wild skies, and another New Year is with us. It comes upon this continent heralded by no dire forebodings, and manifests no symptoms of international, national, social, or political disturbances which may not be adequately and satisfactorily treated by rational and peaceful methods strictly enforced by enlightened public opinion.

It may be profitable to take a bird's view of the year that has passed before speculating upon probabilities of the new arrival. Among the leaders of American society and the death call has been making exceptional havoc, and the names of Hendricks, Hancock, Tilden, McClellan, Arthur, and Logan represent the snapping of national chords which bind this generation with that which participated in such great events.

No other political phase of the year, except perhaps that which deals with the Indian question, have been consumed, though 1886, and it yet remains to be seen what shall become of a protective tariff, a currency agitation, the Blair education bill, and further developments of the Indian reform.

Though the region of practical politics has been comparatively barren, movements have been on foot in general society which are rapidly forming opinion in one direction or the other for serious legislation in future. Labor, through various organizations, has entered upon the storm and stress period, and the different classes of society, in their own quarters and in their own homes, and co-operation are likely to maintain their separating lines severely drawn until the full diffusion of economical knowledge shall have reduced to scientific accuracy the privileges, duties, and limitations of both labor and capital. The principles of Henry George have taken root in some quarters, and will be reckoned with in any thorough scheme of social readjustment. Dr. Ayer and Herr Liebknecht have come and gone, and the community echoes the sentiment of New York socialists in parting with the former gentleman, “We are all glad to be rid of you.”

In physical science there have been no great discoveries, although the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN prophet produced an unusually powerful earthquake in Charleston, which resurrected the science of seismology, and flooded the current vocabulary with terms and theories of profound mystery and of great practical importance. In mechanical science the invention of a type-setting machine will probably do away with the old race of compositors and revolutionize the art of printing.

The religious world, having languished under a temporary respite from the painted wooden gods of Col. Russell, has been called to animation again by the religious controversy. This opening up of Calvinistic dogma is likely to throw more ultimate discredit upon true religion than all the playful poggins of a dozen eloquent infidels.

The high art Europe has contributed a statue of liberty and a Munk'swell statue, which are not only important additions to dramatic art, but such additions to our stage representations are of sufficient dignity and intellectual value almost to antidote the nauseating effects of other classes of dramatic importations or revivals.

Higher education has taken stock of its great triumph by school buildings, with quite unprecedented eclat in purely intellectual circles, the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Harvard's foundation, and by transforming the younger sister Yale into a full-fledged university. Popular education has gained a still greater triumph by showing that in every great city of the country the public school buildings are not large enough, even with numerous yearly additions, to accommodate the children who demand admittance. And it speaks well for the progress of national intelligence that the claims of technical education have taken hold on many state legislatures and on the greatest intellectual minds of our greatest institutions of learning. This educational advance all along the line is unquestionably the brightest spot in American civilization at present.

English literature has produced no original prose work of highest merit during the past year and is relieved from sheerest monotony only by the life of Lincoln's now cutting its way into the heart of Saxon-speaking people through the medium of the Century Magazine. To poetry only one great addition has been made, and although it is an importation and shows some defects in speculation, it must be admitted that it is an importation and shows some defects in speculation, it must be admitted that it is an importation and shows some defects in speculation.

Upon the whole, then, we have had, upon broad lines, a very tranquil year in 1886. But there are great, world-shaking movements in course of formation, and those who are prepared to face events with freedom and courage may rely on confidence that from the seeming turmoil and trouble which shadow round the entrance of 1887 the great spirit that dominates nature will evolve, in continuation of established laws of progress, that final order which constitutes heaven's first law.

TWENTY-eighty-two years ago on their way from England to Victoria, British Columbia, Capt. Greene, of the engineers, says: “Our present stock of heavy ordnance consists of 1,318 smooth-bore Rodmans, of various sizes, mostly ten inch and fifteen inch, and 210 eight inch rifles, all of them ten inch smooth-bore, by inserting a steel lining, these can properly be called heavy guns, as compared with the modern smooth-bore guns of Europe.”

The New York Herald urges that “the whole of these 1,728 guns, if they were mounted in San Francisco, would not protect that city against even one of the twelve eighty-ton ironclads on their way to the Pacific.” But it is almost a waste of words to talk to a Democratic House about the protection of our exposed cities.

Dinner to Bank Examiner Snyder. Among the many enjoyable affairs of the year was a dinner at Harvey's given to Mr. V. E. Snyder, the newly appointed bank examiner for the state of New York, by a number of his associates in the Treasury Department. The dinner was held in the dining room of the Treasury, and was attended by Mr. Snyder, Judge Cheever, the first assistant, and among the other gentlemen present were Messrs. E. W. Fox, Miller, Bennett, Walsh, Brennan, of the Secretary's office; Gen. Shelly, chief of staff; and Messrs. Arthur, Ashton, Leaton, Roper, Coleman, and others. The dinner was a most successful one, and the guests were most cordially entertained.

Civil Engineer Perry returned. Civil Engineer E. E. Perry, of the navy, who started on an exploring expedition in Greenland last spring, returned to this city last evening and to the exhibit. Mr. Perry has returned with a great number of interesting specimens of the flora and fauna of the interior of Greenland. His trip was successful in every respect.

Le Droit Park Improvements. The people of Le Droit Park are quickly settling the question of their street improvements. Within the last few days a great number of street shells to a great number have been laid to the park and now form a coating for Maple Avenue of a foot in thickness. This makes an excellent road, and they are being tramped down so as to give a smooth surface which the rain cannot wash away.

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Breakfast Table Letter to the President.

MR. PRESIDENT: On this New Year's morning it is difficult to let “the dead pass by their dead.” It is well that our visions of the future should be mingled with reflections of the past that are, Patrick Henry, in his memorable oration, exclaimed: “I have become lame to guide my feet, the lamp of experience, I judge of the future by the past.”

The two statements selected for the vice presidency by the governing political parties at the last presidential election, each of whom received about five million of votes, are no more. Logan filled a double place in history—a great leader among statesmen and among soldiers. Lincoln, Grant, and Logan were beloved, not only for their great deeds, but for their simple habits, single-mindedness, and their absolute rugged honesty. When such characters pass away the great heart of the nation is opened wide and manifests itself by acts of sympathy and tender homage.

But yesterday the Senate chamber was filled with men and women, representing the highest and the lowest citizens of our country, paying solemn tribute to a man whose love to the memory of the dead hero, of his comrades in arms, Sherman, Sheridan, and Custer were prominent, with hundreds of others, soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic; members and ex-members of both houses of Congress, with whom he had served for many years, among them the notable figures of Roscoe Conkling and William M. Evans, while in front were the members of the Supreme Court, the ministers of your Cabinet, the noble and grief-stricken wife and mourning family. The chair provided for the President of the United States was vacant. All that vast concourse expected that your illness prevented you from doing home to the occasion. This august historical assemblage was presided over by John Sherman, president of the Senate. In the center was the casket, draped with the nation's flag and decked with garlands of flowers.

The funeral oration by Dr. Newman was evidently the work of love, the product of a great heart, a gifted mind, and a devoted friend. In thought, language, and impressive delivery, it will ever remain in the memories of those who heard it, as without a peer. Our history furnishes no equal since the memorable oration of the Rev. Dr. Knott, delivered at the funeral obsequies of Alexander Hamilton.

May all our public men, in this and coming generations, be incited to deeds of duty and patriotism by the noble example of John A. Logan.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

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Sugar and Tobacco.

The following has been received from the governor of Arizona on the sugar and tobacco tax.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PHOENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 31, 1886.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN: Acknowledgment of receipt of your issue of the 24th inst. in which you inquire my views upon the question of removing the customs tax upon sugar, amounting to \$250,000 annually, and the internal revenue tax upon tobacco, amounting to \$250,000 annually, from the tariff. I believe the tariff should be removed from sugar and tobacco, and the revenue should be raised by other means.

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